

ENGLAND BACKS DOWN

Balfour Announces the Abandonment of Her Eastern Policy.

GOVERNMENT IS CRITICISED

Public Expression Given to the Disappointment Felt by Its Supporters—Great Britain Seizes an Important Concession—Three New Treaty Ports Opened—Current Press Comment.

London, April 5.—The right hon. Arthur J. Balfour, acting secretary of state for foreign affairs, announced in the House of Commons today the complete abandonment of the British policy for the preservation of the integrity of the Chinese empire and the substitution of a policy of grab all you can of what is left of China. The declaration was by no means received with unqualified satisfaction by the government's supporters, and their disappointment even found some public expression.

Mr. Balfour's speech, so far as news is concerned, comprised merely a confirmation of the recent telegrams from the Peking correspondent of the London Times.

Mr. Balfour prefaced his statement with a rebuke for the lack of confidence shown by the government's supporters. In the course of his remarks he said: "The public has not shown the confidence in the government which the government itself had no right to ask from the opposition, but had some right to anticipate from those who supported them in the House and the country."

Regarding the situation in the East Mr. Balfour said Great Britain had obtained from China an understanding that the Yangtze-Kiang valley would not be closed or otherwise partly with to any power and that the successor of Sir Robert Hart as director of the Chinese maritime customs should be an Englishman, while English trade should be ascertained in China, England, he said, had secured access to all inland waters for the ships of the world and the opening of three new treaty ports in the province of Hunan.

Continuing his statement Balfour said that the Russian and German governments had given assurances that they would respect their respective spheres in China open to trade. He also announced that Great Britain had secured a lease of Wei-Hai-Wei.

Mr. William Harcourt criticized the government's policy and asked how it would affect relations with Russia and France and especially Japan. It was he said, the policy of a capitulation.

Sir Charles Dilke said that Wei-Hai-Wei must be made stronger than Fort Arthur if the government meant to hold its balance as to trade with the Chinese. He did not see how the balance could be maintained without fighting.

The Standard (Conservative) is not enthusiastic over Mr. Balfour's statement, but says it thinks that as a means of restoring the imperial prestige of Great Britain at Peking the securing of the lease of Wei-Hai-Wei will be effective. This, with British control of the customs, forms a substantial guarantee that Great Britain will not lose her hold on China.

The Morning Post (Conservative) is dissatisfied, and complains that the government has not acquired guarantees for future trade, while it has acquiesced in the acquisition by old powers of areas which may in the future be closed.

The Graphic (Conservative) is quite happy and thinks the country will be thankful for the patriotism and vigilance which have amply safeguarded British interests. Great Britain, it says, has obtained advantages far exceeding those of her rivals.

The Daily Mail (Independent) says that the government has acted with firmness, foresight and moderation.

The Daily Standard (Liberal) says that no reasonable man will believe for a moment that Great Britain has lost all prestige in the East and imperiled her commercial position. It regrets the government's inability to reach an agreement with Russia, but it says, failing that it cannot be expected for long material guarantees to protect its right and interests.

The Chronicle (Liberal) says the country is convinced that its prestige has suffered a severe blow, and adds: "We profoundly regret that we are unable to see any reason to abandon our grave anxiety."

The Times admits that the statements in Parliament will partly remove the anxiety with which the country has witnessed recent events in China, but they show that a state of things was allowed to come to pass that was not altogether without the fault of the minister. The success of the British principles was, perhaps, imperceptible, except by action which might not be justified by the interests immediately at stake.

CONCERNING WITH THE POPE.

Spain Advising With the Vatican on Terms of Armistice.

Rome, April 5.—Telegrams are passing constantly between Rome and Madrid, and the Spanish ambassador to the Vatican, and Senor Guillen, Spanish minister of foreign affairs, with the view to concerting with the pope the terms of the armistice to be offered to the Cuban insurgents.

It is hoped that as soon as the terms are arranged, President McKinley will influence the insurgents to accept them, the pope concurrently aiming through the Cuban episcopate, to attain the same end. Hitherto the pontiff's efforts have been entirely confined to securing an armistice.

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LOOKS FOR WAR.

Leading Government Organ of Madrid Deserts It.

London, April 5.—A dispatch to The Times from Madrid says that the report of an armistice yesterday did something towards introducing a calm. It is now being remembered that before it can be accomplished five different parties must be conciliated, the United States, the anti-imperialists, the Spanish people, the Spanish government and the rebels.

The Liberal, which is an unseasonal paper, adhered to the government in every detail of procedure until quite recently. It says today that the ray of light afforded in Sunday by the optimists has only served to show how dense is the darkness. The thread which was hoped to help Spain out of the maze is likely to be broken. The only essential is to solve the problem once for all, keeping honor safe.

The nation has been over-patient and is not prepared for fresh postponements.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER DEAD

Reported Death of Col. Morales at Guatemala.

Guatemala, Mex., April 5.—Advises which have not as yet been fully authenticated have just reached here of the killing of Col. Prospero Morales, the Guatemalan revolutionary leader and five of his companions. It is stated that the party was engaged in the state of Chiapas, on their way to join a large body of followers who were congregated near that place when a troop of Guatemalan soldiers crossed over into Mexico and shot the six men by surprise, killing all of them.

Col. Morales had his plans all made for another invasion and was backed in his project by a syndicate of wealthy business men of the city of Mexico.

ANTON SEIDL'S SUCCESSOR.

Great Interest in Musical Circles.

London, April 5.—Much curiosity is still expressed in musical circles here respecting the position of Anton Seidl's successor.

Regarding Covent Garden, Herr Richter or Herr Mottl are thought the most probable candidates, though the names of Herr Weingartner and Richard Strauss are also mentioned. Respecting his successor in New York nothing yet is known. Mr. Grant, at present, is in Paris.

WILL LEAVE MADRID.

Americans Preparing to Depart From the Spanish Capital.

London, April 5.—The families of J. R. McCarthy, second secretary of the American legation, and of Minister Woodford, will start for Paris tonight. Mrs. Woodford gave her usual reception this afternoon.

There was much activity in diplomatic circles today. The papal nuncio had a conference with the Queen Regent, presumably with reference to the mediation of the Pope. Count Dukes, the Austrian ambassador, visited Minister Woodford late last night and again today. After this latter visit the Austrian representative visited the Queen Regent. Herr von Radowski, the German ambassador, also visited the American minister today and was also received by the Queen Regent.

WARSHIPS OFF QUEENSTOWN.

Spanish Vessels Prowling About the Track of American Ships.

London, April 5.—The Chronicle prints a report that one or two Spanish warships are prowling about off Queenstown in the track of vessels plying between the United States and Great Britain. If this report is correct the presence of the warships has possibly some connection with the disabled torpedo boat, *Aulaz*, which is being repaired at Waterford.

Spain, for obvious reasons, is most anxious to keep the *Aulaz* as speedily as possible. The sister ship of the *Aulaz* has reached Ferrol.

SPAIN ADMITS THE FALSEHOOD.

Officially Denies That Mr. McKinley Asked the Pope's Mediation.

Madrid, April 5.—The Spanish government today admitted that President McKinley had not asked the mediation of the Pope between the United States and Spain. It expressed regret that the misunderstanding making it appear that the President had done so had arisen.

United States Minister Woodford received this explanation as a satisfactory ending of a personal matter which, under the circumstances, might lead to serious complications.

AN ENCOURAGING REPORT.

Canada in a Most Prosperous Financial Condition.

Ottawa, Ont., April 5.—The finance minister tonight brought to the house his budget for the fiscal year 1898-99. He showed the success of the British principles was, perhaps, imperceptible, except by action which might not be justified by the interests immediately at stake.

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GREAT DEMOCRATIC GAINS

Ohio Election a Severe Rebuke to the Administration.

Washington, April 5.—The results of the Ohio election, which was held yesterday, were a severe rebuke to the administration. The Democrats carried the state by a large majority, and the Republicans were defeated.

CUBAN POLICY REPUDIATED

Rushnell's Thirty Thousand Plurality Reversed—Adverse Majority Fully as Large—Republican Strongholds Go Down in the Week—Canton Joins the Procession.

Columbus, O., April 5.—The elections throughout Ohio yesterday were decidedly in opposition to the present Federal Administration. While the issues were nominally local, yet the fact that in nearly every part of the State the Democratic gains were uniform and strong is considered most significant in many ways.

Elections were held in five of the largest cities in the State, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo and Dayton. All of these cities had during the past three years been giving heavy Republican majorities with the exception of 1895. In Cincinnati the Democratic party had virtually been destroyed, having lost more than 50 per cent of its strength and the Republicans carrying the city by 30,000 majority. The Republicans likewise carried Cleveland by 10,000 and Toledo by 12,000.

In Monday's elections the Democrats carried Cincinnati by nearly 2,000 and elected most of their ticket in Toledo, while in the home of Mark Hanna they gained all around on Cincinnati, and kept the Republican majority down to normal figures.

Known Democratic victories since 1895 have made complete flops and elected everything that was Democratic from mayor to assessors.

In every voting precinct in Ohio on Monday there were voters who either voted the Democratic ticket or remained away from the polls as a token of disapproval of the administration, whether on the question of prosperity or appointments to office of the Cuban policy.

The temperance issue is responsible in many towns where the Ohio anti-saloon league had been at work agitating for the enforcement of stringent laws, which were unpopular with the people.

Democrats swept such cities as Dayton, Zanesville, Middletown, the home of Paul Borg; Hamilton, the home of James K. Campbell; Springfield, the home of Gov. Foster; Akron, the home of John J. Poirer; and the home of Secretary Sherman; Canton, the home of McKinley; Lima, the home of Brice, and dozens of smaller places.

It is believed that Ohio has not only reversed the thirty thousand plurality for Bushnell last year but has given in its place a Democratic majority fully as large.

The Democrats took full advantage of the situation, and McKinley and the uncertainty of his policy on the Cuban question is fully borne out by the returns.

Predictions have been freely made for days before the election that the Administration at Washington would hear something from the Spring elections and strong was the conviction that even Republicans, save in isolated cases, made but little effort to stem the rising tide.

NOT A DISSENTING VOTE.

The Ohio Senate Appropriates One Million Dollars for War Purposes.

Columbus, O., April 5.—The Ohio senate today passed the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to put the National Guard on a war footing. It contains a provision that none of this money is to be expended unless war is declared. There was not a dissenting vote on the passage of the bill, but several patriotic speeches were made in support of the measure, which was taken up out of its order.

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